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Microsoft has been found guilty of monopolistic practices, but my government is set to reward its behavior.

The DOJ/Microsoft settlement is a disproportionately weak response to the harmful, predatory practices of that business entity.

Most of the time I believe it is not in our best interests for the government to micromanage free market activities. But in this case, the actions of Microsoft have proven to be harmful to the marketplace community, and by extension the larger economy.

If my government fails to protect the interests of its citizens on such a hugely influential matter, that failure will corrode the trust its citizens place in it. Furthermore, letting the monopolist off so lightly essentially codifies into law its monopolistic practices, and paves the way for further and more egregious activities.

It is my view that a structural response, such as breaking the company into operating system and application entities is not an unfair nor an uncalled for response. I believe Microsoft has proven in the past it is well capable of circumventing the rules other business entities follow in its predatory campaign to stamp out competition. Thus, I believe more conservative behavioral remedies will, in the end, prove no barrier to further illegal and egregious behaviors on the part of this entity.

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